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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR ETRD RH ZA

SUBJ: LONRHO TO SUE OIL COMPANIES

REF: LONDON 3787, A-183, LUSAKA 1182

1. IN AN ARTICLE DATED LONDON AND APPEARING IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA ON APRIL 30, LONRHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE DELIVERED FORMAL NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SERVE WRITS ON 29 PARENT AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES INCLUDING SHELL/BP, CALTEX, TOTAL, AND MOBIL FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE RHODESIAN OIL SANCTIONS. THE ACTION WILL INCLUDE A BREACH OF CONTRACT SUIT ALLEGING THAT THE OIL COMPANIES WERE UNDER CONTRACT TO SUPPLY OIL TO RHODESIA ONLY THROUGH THE LONRHO OWNED PIPELINE AND THAT BY SUPPLYING RHODESIA BY OTHER MEANS THEY VIOLATED THIS CONTRACT.

2. LONRHO'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IS REPORTED AT OVER \$200 MILLION WHILE CLAIMS BY ZAMBIA AND RHODESIANS IN THE CONSPIRACY CASE ARE REPORTED AS BEING OVER THE \$10 BILLION MARK. THE CONSPIRACY CASE WILL CLAIM THAT PROLONGATION OF UDI WAS FACILITATED BY THE OIL COMPANIES AND ZAMBIANS AND RHODESIANS HAD SUFFERED ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT.

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3. THE ARTICLE REPEATED MUCH OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCED MESSAGES FROM LONDON AND LUSAKA.

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## Message Attributes

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